

Teaching English overseas 'opens your eyes'

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Teaching Job in Korea, associated with the Atlantic Language College in Fredericton, is heading up a recruitment effort for qualified graduates to teach English in South Korea.

The government of South Korea needs more than 550 ESL instructors to teach children at the elementary and middle school level for the March 2009 semester. Angie Lee, General Manager at the Atlantic Language College and Sandi Jeon, Marketing Manager, are recruiting recent graduates as well as other qualified individuals in the Fredericton area.

Lee believes that teaching ESL overseas is an excellent experience, especially for recent graduates.

"I think this is such a wonderful experience because they can explore different cultures. They can broaden their world view and also they can help pay off their student loans," says Lee. "If they go to Korea they can build their career and build such a great work experience abroad."

Lee and Jeon advocate teaching ESL for recent grads who are shouldering the burden of a student loan. People who enrol in the program can expect to make between 1.8 to 2.6 million Korean won monthly, the equivalent of \$1,800-\$2,600 in Canada. The rate of pay varies according to subject of university study, the presence of a Teacher's Certificate, years of teaching experience and the instructor's city of placement.

South Korea boasts the highest starting teaching salaries and ESL instructors are housed for free, as well as given various living allowances.

Aside from its financial benefits,

teaching in South Korea allows people to immerse themselves in a new culture and travel abroad at little cost.

"Everybody dreams of travelling abroad, right? It's really hard because you have to save money. You have to have a good reason. You have to have a lot of preparation, but this one, a lot of things are established. You go there, you travel and you also make money at the same time," says Lee.

Job stability is not a concern for ESL instructors in South Korea. Teaching contracts within the program are in effect for a calendar year, but Jeon says that contracts can be extended as the instructor wishes.

"Many teachers stay more than one year because the benefits are really good and they experience a lot," she says.

Lee calls teaching in Korea "a good motivation for teachers." She says that a lot of people teaching ESL aspire to be teachers in Canada after they finish their time overseas. Many go on to complete education degrees.

Mark Taylor, a St. Thomas graduate, taught overseas in the Lithuania and recommends teaching ESL for young people looking for a world experience.

"It really opens your eyes to the world and gives you a different perspective on things. I think it helps you grow as an individual, which becomes quite useful when you decide to come back to New Brunswick," he says. "It was a totally new experience, however, it was one that I really liked and that I still miss to this day."

Taylor is aware that an average salary of \$2,000 a month does not seem like much money, but he assures potential instructors that the money goes a long way in places like South Korea and Eastern Europe where the cost of living is low.

The deadline for application is December 15, 2008 and more information is available at www.teachingjobkorea.com.

Students talk with sexpert



Sue Johanson, at age 78, is incredibly knowledgeable when it comes to sexual health. She is the former host of the infamous *Sunday Night Sex Show*, and students from UNB and STU gathered to hear her speak this past week.

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Last Wednesday night students flooded the SUB Cafeteria to 'Talk Sex' with Canadian media personality, Sue Johanson.

Johanson is a registered nurse. She sparked controversy in the '70s by opening a free birth control and sexual health clinic at a high school in Ontario. This clinic was the first to be introduced in Canada.

She is the author of three books on the topic of human sexuality: *Talk Sex, Sex is Perfectly Natural, but not Naturally Perfect* and *Sex, Sex and more Sex*. She has also hosted two different call-in shows, *The Sunday Night Sex Show* and *Talk Sex with Sue Johanson*.

Johanson's efforts in promoting

healthy sexuality earned her the distinguished Order of Canada in 2001.

Her expert knowledge of sexual health and human sexuality combined with her frank and humorous approach has filled auditoriums as she tours campuses across the country.

Her appearances last week at UNB and St. Thomas were no exception. She performed before hundreds of local students to highlight Sexuality Awareness Week. Her performances included a lengthy introduction to human sexuality in which she outlined the flaws in the sexual education system and the flaws existing within families about sexuality.

"He just had his first lesson in sex education and it was a negative. It was a don't. That's going to affect him, it won't stop him, but it will fill him with guilt and shame and embarrassment for the rest of his life," Johanson said to UNB students regarding a mother's

admonishment of her son's sexual behaviour.

Johanson also focused her talks on the pressures placed on young girls to be seen as "nice girls" and the negative impact it has on their sexuality.

"They're female. They are pleasers. They are placaters. We're female. We don't want to upset people. We're terrified of rejection. We don't want people angry at us. We want people to like us. We hear 'nice girls don't do that' and we listen and we incorporate that into behaviour. So while my son is learning about himself as a sexual being and by the time he is twelve will be an expert on his own sexuality, my daughters will be nice girls and they won't learn," she said with solemnity.

Johanson's opening speech not only focused on the flaws within the sexual education system, but also gives an overview of the female and male reproductive systems. Her presentations also covered orgasms,

sex positions, anal sex and sex toys. She also brought along her "Hot Stuff" bag full of adult toys like vibrators and cock rings.

The latter half of her performance was devoted to an anonymous question period. Students wrote questions beforehand on postcards, which are then collected and answered for the audience by Sue.

Audience members asked serious questions like "What if my boyfriend falls asleep during sex?" and "What is the best vibrator?" As well as joking questions like "Are you still sexually active?"

Johanson, an energetic 78 years old, revealed that the latter question is one of her most common and she joked, saying there were "slim pickings" while on tour.

Johanson said that "learning about sex is one of the hardest things you'll ever have to do." Her performance eases audiences into the topic, by evoking laughter and providing insight.

CUSA denounces Shinerama

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TORONTO (CUP) – The Carleton University Students' Association has had a rough last week. After CUSA pulled its support for the cystic fibrosis fund-raiser Shinerama because the disease "only affect[s] white people," the national media had a field day, and the Union has been trying to backpedal ever since.

CUSA passed a motion nearly unanimously last week which read, in part: "Whereas Cystic fibrosis has been recently revealed to only affect white people, and primarily men . . . be it resolved that: CUSA discontinue its support of this campaign."

The Union resolved to find another charity, one that would benefit "diverse communities."

Nick Bergamini, the one of the two CUSA members to cast a dissenting vote, told the CBC that this was "political correctness gone horribly, horribly wrong."

"They're playing racial politics, and

I think it's entirely inappropriate," he said.

Carleton University President Roseann O'Reilly Runte issued a statement expressing her "personal regret" that CUSA was dropping Shinerama, but said that "they did not intend to offend by the preamble to their motion."

Still, many took offence, as the angry Facebook groups that have popped up suggest. One says that "diseases don't discriminate," while another dubs the incident "Shinegate" and calls for members of CUSA to resign.

CUSA President Brittany Smyth has since said that the Union has slated an emergency meeting for Monday, where she will introduce a motion to see Carleton's involvement with Shinerama reinstated. She also told media that the union could not modify the "Whereas" preamble.

"It's how our council has always operated. Even if we had wanted to change it we couldn't have," Smyth told Maclean's OnCampus.

Dozens of universities across the country participate in the fund-raiser, where students polish shoes, cars and the like to raise money, although Carleton's involvement has been

particularly impressive. Students there have "contributed nearly a million dollars over the years," as Runte noted.

No other school appears interested in discontinuing their support in Shinerama at the moment.

Cathleen Morrison, CEO of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, said that there's a "silver lining" to the debate.

"We're having an opportunity to tell lots of people what cystic fibrosis really is."

She explained that cystic fibrosis is the "most common fatal genetic disease in Canada," and affects men and women equally. Most Canadians with cystic fibrosis do not live past their 30s.

Morrison admits that it does "affect the Caucasian population primarily," but stresses that this does not mean it only affects the white-skinned. She says that a "rainbow of people" from India, Pakistan, North Africa, South America, and other regions can be afflicted.

She says that she is hopeful Carleton will rejoin Shinerama, but does not want to pressure them.

"We want volunteers to want to help," said Morrison.

Improvements in the works for pay equity

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due to discrimination.

Calhoun goes on to explain that most of the wage gap cannot be explained away by factors such as level of education or job experience; research has been conducted to indicate that these are not the causes of the disparity.

The difference in earnings

boils down to a severe case of discrimination.

"And the complaint-based pay equity legislation that we have at the federal level in Canada has been largely ineffectual when it comes to addressing the wage gap," says Calhoun.

Kelly agrees: "The bottom line is, it's discrimination," she says.

There have, however, been some recent steps taken by the province of New Brunswick to right this situation. Last week in the speech

from the throne, it was legislated that there will be pay equity in the public sector.

"That will be interesting, to see what that legislation looks like," says Kelly.

Also, in the recent economic update, Canadian Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty spoke about bringing a more proactive approach to the pay equity issue.

"We just have to keep an eye on them to see what they actually do," says Kelly.

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